

Braley, DeFazio, Sutton ask Obama to expand focus on jobs

Washington, DC - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) joined Reps. Betty Sutton (D-Ohio) and Peter DeFazio (D-Oregon) today in sending a letter to President Obama asking that despite the growth in Gross Domestic Product, the administration remain focused on job creation.

This morning, it was announced that third-quarter GDP grew by 3.5 percent. While Braley, DeFazio and Sutton welcome this growth, they remain concerned over the staggering unemployment numbers. The letter illustrates that even the 10% unemployment rate is deceiving and excludes those forced to work part-time.

"A jobless recovery is not a recovery," Braley said. "While some economists may be eager to declare a victory over the recession, millions of unemployed Americans continue to struggle to support their families. I ask that the President be mindful of their struggles and remain focused and committed to creating jobs so that our economy can make a complete and full recovery."

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